

### ELECTION

In the event the Examiner maintains the restriction and election requirement, Applicant makes the following election pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.143.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant elects the claims of Group II (claims 1, 2 and 8), without prejudice. In response to the Examiner's election of species requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Species A (directed to the pivoted cutter assembly), without prejudice. Claims 1, 2 and 8 read on Species A.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted claims 1-8 do not present distinct inventions so as to require restriction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, nor are two distinct species presented. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction and election requirements are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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